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REFORMS IN AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to undertake reforms in the agriculture sector by amending relevant laws including one to allow farmers to store their produce in warehouses and sell it at an appropriate time;

(b) if so, whether accredited agricultural godowns would be set for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the time by which such reforms are likely to be undertaken?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. With a view to introduce a negotiable warehouse receipt system in the country for agricultural commodities, Department of Food & Public Distribution has drafted a Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Bill, 2005 in consultation with all the stakeholders, and concerned Ministries/Departments. The Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 7th December, 2005 and has been referred to Standing Committee on Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution for its examination.